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LETTER DATED 2 NOVEMBER 1999 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As you are aware, the United Nations continues to support the Arusha peace process on Burundi, which has taken place under the facilitation of the late Mwalimu Julius Nyerere. In my letter of 15 October 1998 (S/1998/968), I informed the Security Council of my decision to appoint, as a commitment to our longstanding support to the facilitation, Ayité Jean-Claude Kpakpo (Benin) as Senior United Nations Adviser to the Facilitator of the Burundi peace process.

The Burundi peace process has entered a critical stage. Our support for the process has become more vital than ever. Unfortunately, hopes that a general peace agreement would be concluded by the end of 1999 are unlikely to be fulfilled because of the emergence of new obstacles that have delayed the process.

I have therefore decided to extend the appointment of Mr. Kpakpo until June 2000.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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